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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 53 bis, 102 (j), 107 (a), (c), (e), (f) and (g), 115 (b), (e), (f) and (g), 132 (f) and (g), 135 (d) and (f), 136 (e), (f) and (g), 137 (a) and (c) and 138 (d), (e) and (f) of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.
2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:
 - (a) In paragraph 53 bis, all brackets and holding were removed from the text;
 - (b) Paragraph 102 (j) was deleted;
 - (c) Paragraph 107 (a) was amended to read as follows:

“Adopt policies and implement measures to address, on a prioritized basis, the gender aspects of emerging and continued health challenges, such as malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other diseases having a disproportionate impact on women’s health, including those resulting in the highest mortality and morbidity rates;”
 - (d) Paragraph 107 (c) was deleted;
 - (e) Paragraph 107 (e) was deleted;



(f) Paragraph 107 (f) was deleted;

(g) Paragraph 107 (g) was replaced by the following text:

“Adopt, enact, review and revise, where necessary or appropriate, and implement health legislation, policies and programmes in consultation with women’s organizations and other actors of civil society, and allocate the necessary budgetary resources to ensure the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, so that all women have full and equal access to comprehensive, high quality and affordable health care, information, education and services throughout their life cycle; reflect the new demands for service and care by women and girls as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and new knowledge about women’s needs for specific mental and occupation health programmes and for the ageing process; and protect and promote human rights by ensuring that all health services and workers conform to ethical, professional and gender-sensitive standards in the delivery of women’s health services, including by establishing or strengthening, as appropriate, regulatory and enforcement mechanisms;”

(h) A new paragraph was inserted following paragraph 107 (g) ter, to read as follows:

“Design, and implement programmes to encourage and enable men to adopt safe and responsible sexual and reproductive behaviour, and to effectively use methods to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS;”

(i) A new paragraph was inserted following paragraph 107 (j), to read as follows:

“Promote or improve information programmes and measures including treatment for the elimination of the increasing substance abuse among women and adolescent girls, including information campaigns about the risks to health and other consequences and its impact on families;”

(j) Paragraph 115 (b) was deleted;

(k) Paragraph 115 (e) was deleted;

(l) Paragraph 115 (f) was deleted;

(m) Paragraph 115 (g) was amended to read:

“Design and implement programmes to provide social services and support to pregnant adolescents and adolescent mothers, in particular to enable them to continue and complete their education;”

(n) Paragraph 132 (f) was replaced by the following text:

“Take necessary measures to protect individuals, groups and organs of society engaged in promoting and protecting women’s human rights;”

(o) Paragraph 132 (g) was replaced by the following text:

“Encourage States parties to continue to include a gender perspective in their reports to the treaty bodies; also encourage these bodies to continue to take into account a gender perspective in the implementation of their mandates, taking into account the need to avoid unnecessary duplication and

overlapping of their work; further encourage human rights mechanisms to continue to take into account a gender perspective in their work;"

(p) Paragraph 135 (d) was replaced by the following text:

"Intensify efforts to implement poverty eradication programmes and evaluate, with the participation of women, the extent to which these programmes have an impact on the empowerment of women living in poverty, in terms of access to quality training and education as well as physical and mental health care, employment, basic social services, inheritance and access to and control over land, housing, income, micro-credit and other financial instruments and services, and introduce improvements to such programmes in the light of the above assessment;"

(q) Paragraph 135 (f) was amended to read as follows:

"Support the Cologne initiative for the reduction of debt, particularly the speedy implementation of the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative, ensure the provision of adequate funds for its implementation and implement the provision that funds saved should be used to support anti-poverty programmes that address gender dimensions;"

(r) Paragraph 136 (e) was replaced by the following text:

"Support the work of NGOs and community-based organizations in helping disadvantaged women, in particular rural women, in having access to financial institutions in establishing businesses and other sustainable means of livelihood;"

(s) Paragraph 136 (f) was amended to read:

"Recognize the crucial role of and support women and women's NGOs and community-based organizations in the implementation of Agenda 21, by integrating a gender perspective in the formulation, design and implementation of sustainable environmental and resource management mechanisms, programmes and infrastructure;"

(t) Paragraph 136 (g) was amended to read as follows:

"Promote gender-sensitivity and social responsibility of the private sector, *inter alia*, through management of work time and dissemination of gender-sensitive information and advocacy campaigns;"

(u) Paragraph 137 (a) was deleted;

(v) Paragraph 137 (c) was deleted;

(w) Paragraph 138 (d) was replaced by the following text:

"Provide access to adequate and affordable treatment, monitoring and care for all people, especially women and girls, infected with sexually transmitted diseases or living with life threatening diseases, including HIV/AIDS and associated opportunistic infections, such as tuberculosis. Provide other services, including adequate housing and social protection, including during pregnancy and breastfeeding; assist boys and girls orphaned as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic; and provide gender sensitive support systems for

women and other family members who are involved in caring for persons affected by serious health conditions, including HIV/AIDS;"

(x) Paragraph 138 (e) was deleted;

(y) Paragraph 138 (f) was deleted.
